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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, New York (100-123366)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL ORENSTEIN, wa: Samuel Ornstein
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DATE: 8/30/55

Enclosed herewith are the original and 3 copies of report of SA DONALD L. HARMON, NY, dated as above.

1. The Subject, white, resides at Apt. 6D, 845 Gerard Ave., Bronx, NY, and is a self-employed accountant with the firm of Orenstein and Orenstein, 220 W. 42nd St., NYC.

2. Subject's wife, EDITH, white, is employed as a housewife.

3. Informant advised subject was the Bronx County Commander of the Jewish War Veterans and had obtained this position with the backing of the conservative bloc. of the Jewish War Veterans. Informant further advised that ORNSTEIN was in charge of the veteran's work for the Bronx County CP and was a member from 1946-50 and probably was a member before and after this time.

Election Records for the Borough of the Bronx reflected the subject registered for the ALP 1948-49.

4. No information available in the NYO.

5. No information available in the NYO.

6. No information available in the NYO.

7. It is expected that an interview with the subject will result in the clarification of his present activities in the CP.

Bureau authority is requested to interview the subject in accordance with existing instructions relating to interviews of security subjects.

APPROVED

Submit results in report

Date

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If the subject is cooperative, no affirmative steps will be taken during the initial interview to direct his activities, but a separate communication will be directed to the Bureau setting forth the results of the interview and requesting authority to recontact the subject as a potential security informant.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW YORK**

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	DATE WHEN MADE 8/30/55	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/4, 20, 25; 2/16; 3/2; 4/21; 5/25; 6/16, 23; 7/5, 6, 11; 8/18, 19/55	REPORT MADE BY DONALD L. HARMON eec
TITLE SAMUEL ORENSTEIN, wa: Samuel Ornstein			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject resides at Apt. 6D, 845 Gerard Ave., Bronx, NY, and is a self-employed accountant with the firm of Orenstein and Orenstein, 220 W. 42nd St., NYC. Informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised 1/4/55 that the subject was in charge of veterans work for the Bronx County CP and was a member of the CP from 1946-1950 and probably was a member before and after this time. Election records for the Borough of the Bronx reflect subject registered for the ALP 1948-49. *am 8-1*

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

Birth Data

The records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics reviewed by SE GERARD M. LENAHAHAN on July 11, 1955, reflected that certificate number 46641 was issued to SAM ORENSTEIN, born October 9, 1920 in New York City to JOSEPH, born Russia, age 44, occupation, tailor and PEARL WEINER, born in Russia, age 34, residence 97 Monroe Street, New York City. *N.Y.*

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Marital Status

The Election records for the Borough of the Bronx, New York, reviewed on June 16, 1955, by SA PAUL BOYCE TOMPKINS reflected that the subject's wife's name was ~~EDITH ORENSTEIN~~. *N.Y.*

MRS SAMUEL ORENSTEIN
The records of the Bronx Marriage Bureau were reviewed by SE EARNIE L. WALDRUP on June 30, 1955, for the years January, 1948 - December, 1950 but no record could be located concerning the subject's marriage.

Employment

The records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, New York City, furnished by Mrs. RUTH HARDING to SE GERARD M. LENAHAN on July 5, 1955, reflected that the subject was self-employed under the firm name of Orenstein and Orenstein, 220 West 42nd Street, New York City.

On August 18, 1955, A.J. GROTKER, Manager, 220 West 42nd Street, New York City, advised SA DONALD L. HARMON that Orenstein and Orenstein sub-lease office space in Room 1014 from Julian Ross and Associates. GROTKER could not furnish any information concerning the subject.

The Election records for the Borough of the Bronx, New York, on June 16, 1955, reflected that in the 1953 Signature book the subject listed his employment as self-employed accountant at 220 West 42nd Street.

Residence

On August 17, 1955, ADOLF EICHENBERGER, Superintendent, 845 Gerard Avenue, Bronx, New York, advised SA DONALD L. HARMON that the subject occupies apartment 6D with his wife and child. EICHENBERGER stated that his records reflected that the subject had leased the apartment from July 15, 1953 to July 15, 1955 but he had no information as to whether the lease had been renewed.

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The Election Records for the Borough of the Bronx, New York, on June 16, 1955, reflected that the subject resided at the following addresses:

629 Caldwell Avenue

692 Caldwell Avenue

623 Walton Avenue

1134 West Farms Road

845 Gerard Avenue

The records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles on July 5, 1955, reflected that SAM ORENSTEIN resided at 1134 West Farms Road, Bronx, New York.

II. AFFILIATION WITH COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

Communist Party (CP) Membership

On January 4, 1955, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that ORNSTEIN was the Bronx County Commander of the Jewish War Veterans at that time and ORNSTEIN had obtained this position with the backing of the conservative bloc of the Jewish War Veterans. T-1 further advised that he knew ORNSTEIN as the person who was in charge of the veteran's work for the Bronx County CP and was responsible to the County Committee.

T-1 stated that ORNSTEIN was a member of the CP from 1946-1950 and probably was a member before and after this time. T-1 also stated that he knew the subject as a Communist before he knew of his position in charge of veterans for the CP.

CP Sympathies

The Election records for the Borough of the Bronx, New York, on June 16, 1955, reflected that SAM ORENSTEIN, 692 Caldwell Avenue, had registered his affiliation with the American Labor Party for the years 1948 and 1949; years 1950-1952 blank and years 1953-1954 for one of the two major political parties.

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T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 9, 1954, that from the time of its inception in 1936, there existed within the American Labor Party a struggle for power among three groups. These were the CP, the Socialist Party, and the Social Democrats. By the early 1940's the CP emerged as the controlling force within the American Labor Party in the major industrial areas in New York State. Generally these were the areas around Albany, Buffalo, Jamestown, Rochester, Schenectady, Syracuse, Troy, the Hudson River Valley, Columbia, Dutchess, Nassau and Westchester Counties, and New York City, with the exception of Brooklyn. In 1942, the CP was able to capture the American Labor Party in Brooklyn. T-2 knew this situation to continue up until at least 1949. The American Labor Party never developed into an organization of any real significance in the non-industrial areas of New York State.

T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on May 19, 1954, that the CP today, as in the past, through its members in key positions in the American Labor Party, constitutes the force that controls it.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

The records of the Bureau of Special Services and Investigation were reviewed by SA AUGUST J. MICEK during March 1955, but failed to reflect any information concerning the subject.

IV. DESCRIPTION

The following description of the subject was obtained from T-1, Elections records for the Borough of the Bronx, Records of the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics and Superintendent ADOLF EICHENBERGER:

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Name	SAMUEL ORENSTEIN
Aliases	SAMUEL ORNSTEIN
Race	White
Sex	Male
Date of Birth	October 9, 1920
Place of Birth	New York City
Residence	Apartment 6D, 845 Gerard Avenue Bronx, New York
Height	5'6"
Weight	170 lbs.
Build	Medium
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Self-employed accountant Orenstein and Orenstein 220 West 42nd Street, New York City
Marital Status	Married, EDITH

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T-1 [REDACTED] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	CP member 1946- 1950 and in charge of veterans work for the Bronx County CP	1/4/55	SA WILLIAM F. KUSCH, JR.	100-123366-1

T-2 [REDACTED] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Documentation of ALP
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T-3 [REDACTED] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Documentation of ALP
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MISCELLANEOUS

The following information was omitted from the details to protect [REDACTED] It was furnished by [REDACTED] FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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MISCELLANEOUS (CONT'D)

After the informant left the CP he met ORNSTEIN on the street and ORNSTEIN commenting on the informant's departure from the Party said, "Don't worry, you'll find yourself in good company". The informant stated that he was never quite able to figure out what ORNSTEIN meant.

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At New York, New York

Will await Bureau's decision regarding interview of subject and conduct appropriate interview based thereon.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-123366)
 SUBJECT: SAMUEL ORENSTEIN, wa
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DATE: 10/12/55

Rerep of SA DONALD L. HARMON, NY, 8/30/55; NYlet to Director, 8/30/55.

On 10/11/55, SAS WILLIAM R. RIGGS and DONALD L. HARMON contacted the subject in the vicinity of 845 Gerard Ave., Bronx, NY.

ORENSTEIN was advised of the responsibility of the FBI concerning the internal security of the US.

ORENSTEIN was questioned concerning membership in the CP to which he replied that he felt that the CP was a political party and as such, the FBI was invading his civil rights as to his political beliefs. ORENSTEIN stated that he would not answer whether he was or had been a member of the CP. He stated that he knew that the CP in the US was directed by a foreign country, but he had never committed any acts which would constitute a violation of the laws of the US and as such, felt that it was no ones business whether he was a member of the CP or not.

He further stated that the FBI was doing a good job in the criminal field, but should let other matters alone.

ORENSTEIN stated that he could not go along with the Attorney General's subversive list which made the CP a subversive organization because he did not believe the party was trying to over throw the Government, but was just another political party trying to gain power.

ORENSTEIN stated that he refused to say whether he had ever been associated with the ALP because it was a political party and was on the ballots at election time and as such, a person had a right to vote for any party they choose to without being questioned.

ORENSTEIN was asked that in the event he ever received or had information which reflected that a person was a member of the CP would he furnish such information to the FBI. He stated

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that if the person was only a member of the CP he did not feel that it was his responsibility to give such information to the FBI, but in the event this person was committing an act of sabotage or espionage he would definitely furnish such information to the FBI. He stated that he did not feel the FBI should compile a list of persons just because they were a member of the CP.

ORENSTEIN stated that he was in the United States Army from September, 1943 to June, 1946, and had received an honorable discharge, and in the event the US was called to war again he definitely would fight for the US. He stated that he was very active in the Jewish War Veterans and had been Commander of the Bronx County Jewish War Veterans.

ORENSTEIN advised that he had never subscribed to the "Daily Worker" or "The Worker", but he had read these papers on several occasions in the past and knew they were published by the CP.

ORENSTEIN was advised at the conclusion of the interview that in the event that he received or could recall any information that would be of value to the FBI he should notify the nearest FBI office.

The NYO will submit a report in the immediate future incorporating the information obtained during the above interview and submitting its recommendation as to placing ORENSTEIN on the security index.

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Rerep Special Agent Donald L. Harmon dated
November 28, 1955, at New York.

Subject's interview reflects he acknowledged that the Communist Party was directed by a foreign government. It indicates that subject has a continuing sympathy with the Communist Party. Apart from routine sources contacted for background information and informants used to document the American Labor Party, your investigation of this subject has been confined to reporting information received from one informant and an interview with the subject.

You should reopen this case and conduct a thorough investigation to develop evidence of subject's present activities and sympathies. Upon the completion of that investigation, you should submit your recommendation concerning subject's inclusion in the Security Index.

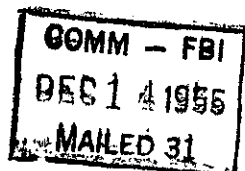
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Subject is not on Security Index. FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
FOIA(b)(7) - (D) states subject was CP member 1946 - 1950, and in charge of veterans work for Bronx County CP

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Reporting Office NEW YORK	Office of Origin NEW YORK	Date 11/28/55	Investigative Period 8/30; 9/12; 10/5, 11, 17/55
TITLE OF CASE SAMUEL ORENSTEIN, wa		Report made by DONALD L. HARMON	Typed By: aeo
		CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C	

Synopsis:

ORENSTEIN contacted on 10/11/55, and advised he felt CP was a political party and as such FBI was invading his civil rights as to his political beliefs so would not answer as to whether he was or had ever been a member of the CP; refused to say whether he had ever been associated with the ALP because it was a political party; advised he never subscribed to the "Daily Worker" or "The Worker", but had read these papers; did not feel that it was his responsibility to furnish information to the FBI if a person was a CP member.

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DETAILS:

On October 11, 1955, SAS WILLIAM R. RIGGS and DONALD L. HARMON contacted ORENSTEIN in the vicinity of 845 Gerard Avenue, Bronx, New York.

ORENSTEIN advised that he lived at 845 Gerard Avenue, Bronx, New York, with his wife and son, but refused to say where he was employed, stating "that we probably

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knew anyway so why should he say anything." He advised that his father's name was JOSEPH ~~ORENSTEIN~~. *no loc*

ORENSTEIN was questioned concerning membership in the Communist Party, (CP), to which he replied that he felt that the CP was a political party and as such the Federal Bureau of Investigation was invading his civil rights as to his political beliefs. ORENSTEIN stated that he would not answer whether he was or had ever been a member of the CP. He stated that he knew that the CP in the United States was directed by a foreign country, but that he had never committed any acts which would constitute a violation of the laws of the United States and as such felt that it was no one's business whether he was a member of the CP or not.

On January 4, 1955, T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he knew ORNSTEIN as a person who was in charge of the veterans work for the Bronx County CP and was responsible to the County Committee.

T-1 continued by stating that ORNSTEIN was a member of the CP from 1946 until 1950 and probably was a member before 1946 and also after 1950, but he had no information as to his membership during that time. T-1 also stated that he knew ORNSTEIN as a Communist before he knew of his position in charge of veterans work for the CP.

ORENSTEIN stated that he could not go along with the Attorney General's subversive list, which made the CP a subversive organization because he did not believe the Party was trying to overthrow the government, but was just another political party trying to gain power.

ORENSTEIN further stated that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was doing a good job in the criminal field, but should let other matters alone.

ORENSTEIN stated that he refused to say whether he had ever been associated with the American Labor Party because it was a political party, and was on the ballots at election time, and as such a person had a right to vote for any party they chose to without being questioned.

The election records for the Borough of Bronx, New York, reviewed on June 16, 1955, by SA PAUL BOYCE.

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TOMPKINS, reflect that SAM ORENSTEIN, 692 Caldwell Avenue, had registered his affiliation with the American Labor Party, (ALP), for the years 1948 and 1949.

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ORENSTEIN was asked that in the event he received or had any information which reflected that a person was a member of the CP would he furnish such information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He stated that if the person was only a member of the CP, he did not feel that it was his responsibility to give such information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, but in the event this person was committing an act of sabotage or espionage, he would definitely furnish such information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. He advised that he did not feel that the Federal Bureau of Investigation should compile a list of persons just because they were a member of the CP.

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ORENSTEIN advised that he had never subscribed to the "Daily Worker" or "The Worker", but he had read these papers on several occasions in the past and knew they were published by the CP.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker", an East Coast Communist daily newspaper.

ORENSTEIN continued by stating that he was in the United States Army from September, 1943, to June, 1946, and had received an honorable discharge and in the event the United States was called to war again, he definitely would fight for the United States. He stated that he was very active in the Jewish War Veterans and had been a commander of the Bronx County Jewish War Veterans.

At the conclusion of the interview ORENSTEIN was advised that in the event he received or could recall any information that would be of value to the Federal Bureau of Investigation he should notify the nearest Federal Bureau of Investigation office.

The following description of the subject was obtained by the interviewing agents:

Race	White
Sex	Male
Residence	Apartment 6D, 845 Gerard Avenue, Bronx, New York
Height	5' 6" - 5' 7"
Weight	160 - 170 pounds
Hair	Brown, dark
Eyes	Brown

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T-3 FOIA(b)(7) - (D)	Documentation of ALP
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The subject is not being recommended for inclusion on the Security Index inasmuch as his activities do not come within SAC let 55-30.

REFERENCE

NY let to Bureau, 10/12/55.

Report of SA DONALD L. HARMON, 8/30/55, NY.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-420085)
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-123366)
 SUBJECT: SAMUEL ORENSTEIN, wa
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DATE: 12/23/55

Re: Form 0-1, 12/14/55, requesting explanation for delay over 30 days between period of investigation and date of report; report of SA DONALD L. HARMON, NY, 11/28/55.

Agent to whom case was assigned advised that the date, 11/17/55, was left out of the period in referenced report. This date was dictated to the steno at the time of dictating report. The dictation book has been destroyed.

Bureau is requested to include the date, 11/17/55, in the period of rerep. NYO is making the necessary correction in referenced report.

Agents involved are being charged with a form error.

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TO : SAC, New York (Your file 100-123366) DATE: 12-14-55FROM : Director, FBI (Bufile & serial 100-420085-3)SUBJECT: SAMUEL ORENSTEIN
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Office of Origin: N. Y.

1. () The deadline in this case has passed and the Bureau has not received a report. You are instructed to submit a report immediately. In the event a report has been submitted, you should make a notation of the date on which it was submitted on this letter and return it to the Bureau, Room # 1252.

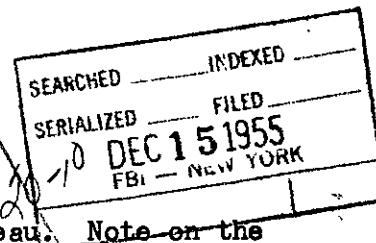
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Sulet at once explaining delay over 30 days between period of investigation and date of report.

2. () Advise Bureau re status of this case.
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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW YORK

REPORT MADE AT ST. LOUIS	DATE WHEN MADE 4-5-56	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2-27;3-15;4-2,3-56	REPORT MADE BY SE GERALD E. ROSS slh
TITLE "CHANGED" SAMUEL ORENSTEIN, Was. Sam Orenstein			CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Records FRC, GSA, SLMO, indicates SAM ORENSTEIN employed by War Dept., New York, N. Y. Terminated by resignation. Background information set forth. SAM ORENSTEIN served in U. S. Army from 10-4-43 to 1-5-46. Received honorable discharge. In ERC, inactive status, from 9-6-43 to 10-4-43. Background and descriptive information set forth.

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DETAILS:

AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI:

On April 3, 1956, a review of the personnel records, Federal Records Center, General Services Administration, St. Louis, Missouri, for SAM ORENSTEIN, indicates that he was employed on November 24, 1941 as a Junior Fiscal Accounting Clerk with the War Department, Army Air Force Material Division, Eastern at New York, New York.

This employment was terminated on November 2, 1943 as a clerk by reason of resignation due to induction into the United States Armed Forces.

The following background information was contained in the subject's record:

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Date of birth	October 9, 1920
Place of birth	New York, New York
Education	September 1926 to June 1934 Elementary school September 1934 to June 1937 Morris High School Bronx, New York September 1937 to June 1941 College of the City of New York 17 Lexington Avenue New York, New York
Employments	July 1937 to August 1940 (8 months) Schick Brothers, Inc. 37 West 28th Street New York, New York June 1941 to November 1941 Herman M. Alkan 332 East 149th Street Bronx, New York
Addresses	November 1941 to November 1943 692 Couldesell Avenue Bronx, New York
Relatives	Mr. Mrs. Bronx, New York Father, JOSEPH ORENSTEIN 692 Couldesell Avenue Bronx, New York Mother, PEARL (PAULINE) ORENSTEIN <i>N.Y.</i> Same address
Local Draft Board	Number 81 at 384 East 149th Street Bronx, New York
Order Number	11912
Social Security Number	082-14-3152
Marital status	Single

The file contained no photograph of SAM ORENSTEIN.

The title of this case is being marked changed to add the name SAM ORENSTEIN as was reflected in his Army service record.

On April 2, 1956, a review of the Army service record on file at the Department of Defense Military Personnel Records Center, for SAM ORENSTEIN, Army Serial Number 42 036 853, indicates that he was inducted into the United States Army on September 6, 1943 and entered on active duty on October 4, 1943 at Camp Upton, New York. He was honorably discharged on January 5, 1946 as a Technician Fifth Grade at Fort Dix, New Jersey by reason of demobilization.

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He served one year, eight months, and twenty-six days in foreign service in the European Theater of Operations and participated in the battles and campaigns of Ardennes, Central Europe, Normandy, Northern France, and Rhineland.

He was awarded the following medals, decorations, and citations: Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, and the EAME Theater Medal with five bronze stars.

There is no record of courts-martial or absence without leave. In Enlisted Reserve Corps, inactive status, from September 6, 1943 to October 4, 1943. No additional reserve service was indicated.

The following background and descriptive information is contained in the record:

Date of birth	October 9, 1920
Place of birth	New York, New York
Height	5' 5"
Weight	173 pounds
Race	White
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Complexion	Brunette
Build	Medium
Distinguishing marks	Scar tip right middle finger
Education	Four years high school four years college
Civilian occupation	Expediter
Military occupation	Statistical clerk
Addresses	<u>692 Couldesell Avenue</u> <u>New York (Bronx), New York</u> 1943 to 1945
Relatives	Mother, PAULINE ORENSTEIN Same address Brother, HARRY ORENSTEIN <i>Wig</i> Same address
Employment	Clerical work in Government Bureau for eight months
Photograph	No photo in file
Local Draft Board	Number 81 at 384 East 149th Street Bronx, New York
Order Number	11912
Social Security Number	082-14-3152

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The records of Federal Records Center, SLMO, were reviewed by IC CHARLES E. SMITH.

The records of Department of Defense Military Personnel Records Center, SLMO, were reviewed by IC WILLIAM A. SAUCIER.

REFERENCE: New York letter to St. Louis dated 2-20-56

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-420085)

DATE: 6/15/56

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-123366)

SUBJECT: SAMUEL ORENSTEIN, was
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Re Form O-1, 4/30/56. Report of SE GERALD E. ROSS,
St. Louis, 4/5/56. Bulet, 12/14/55.

On January 26, 1956, SA DONALD L. HARMON reviewed
the subject's file, #08132693, at the office of the Veterans
Administration, 252 7th Avenue, New York City. ORENSTEIN's
file contained the following information:

Date of Birth	10/9/20, New York City
Army Serial Number	42036853
Father	<u>Mrs</u> JOSEPH ORENSTEIN - deceased
Mother	PAULINE ORENSTEIN
	692 Cauldwell Avenue
	Bronx, New York
Brothers	NATHAN ORENSTEIN
	35-15 94th Street
	Jackson Heights
	Queens, New York
	HARRY ORENSTEIN
	692 Cauldwell Avenue
	Bronx, New York
Education	Elementary - 8 years
	High School - 4 years
	College - 4 years,
	B.A., Accounting,
	C.C.N.Y.
Health	Poor Vision, Sinus trouble,
	flat feet
U.S. Army	Enlisted 10/4/43, New York City
	Discharged 1/5/46, Ft. Dix, N.J.
Social Security No.	082-14-3152

On February 28, 1956, Mrs. MILDRED GOODMAN, Registrar
Office, Day Session, City College of New York, School of
Business, New York City, advised SA WILLIAM J. DANIELSON that

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her records reflected that SAM⁶ ORENSTEIN graduated from Morris High School in June 1937 and from the School of Business, C.C.N.Y., with a B.B.A. degree on 6/18/41. On 8/8/46, ORENSTEIN qualified for a certificate as a C.P.A.

On February 15, 1956, LAWRENCE TRAGER, a former self-admitted member of the Hunts Point CP from 1946-1950, advised SA WILLIAM R. RIGGS that he was sure ORENSTEIN was in sympathy with the Communist Party and that the Communist Party backed ORENSTEIN in his position with the Jewish War Veterans. TRAGER further stated that he never saw ORENSTEIN at any CP meetings or functions and didn't know any one who could furnish any information concerning ORENSTEIN's Communist activities.

The following confidential informants who have furnished reliable information in the past were contacted regarding ORENSTEIN's Communist activities, but were unable to furnish any information:

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1/19/56	SA JOHN M. CONLON, JR.
1/20/56	SA ARTHUR P. HEALY
1/20/56	SA ARTHUR P. HEALY
1/20/56	SA MAURICE F. DANIELS
1/24/56	SA RICHARD S. BLASSER
1/24/56	SA RICHARD S. BLASSER

The following persons who reside on the same floor as ORENSTEIN were contacted by Special Agents DONALD L. HARMON and ARTHUR S. HAMILTON on 5/28/56 and 6/6/56 by the use of a suitable pretext. These persons were unable to furnish any information which would reflect that ORENSTEIN was in sympathy with the CP or held meetings in his apartment:

Mrs. MARTIN WEITZNER, Apartment 6-E
Mr. and Mrs. JOSEPH MESSERSCHMITT, Apartment 6-F
MEYER FRIEDMAN, Apartment 6-G

All logical informants and sources have been contacted without obtaining any information reflecting current activities or sympathies on the part of the subject.

Inasmuch as the subject's activities do not warrant inclusion on the SI in accordance with SAC Letter 55-30, this case is being placed in a closed status.

In the event current information is received concerning ORENSTEIN's activities this case will be reopened and further investigation conducted by the New York Office.

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